Tampering with Franking Machines in Bombay

2431. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any incident of tempering with franking machines in Bombay GPO and South Area hae taken place in the last two years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether CBI raided some places;

(c) whether the Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra has created a task fore; and

(d) if so, what is the result of working of such a force from March to May, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 17 cases of tampering with franking machines in Bombay GPO and South Area have been detected in the last two years. Cases gainst M/S Mamta Mailing Services, Quick Mailing Services, Reliable Services, Atul Enterprises, Progressive Services, **Punctual Services and One Up Services were reported to C.B.I. C.B.I. raided the premises of Mamta Mailing & Quick Mailing Services.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Revenue Intelligence Cell of Maharashtra Postal Circle visited premises of 75 mailers and detected cases of misuse of franking machines by M/S Reliable Services, M/S Atul Enterprises, Saikrupa Services, Progressive Services, Punctual Services, and One Up Services. All the cases have been reported to C.B.I.

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Franking Machines in Bombay City

2432. SHRI M.D. SALIM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Franking Machines which are with private parties in Bombay city and what is the revenue earned from the said franking machines in 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94;

(b) whether in Bombay city the Franking machines are divided division-wise;

(c) whether there is a Franking machines for GPO and South area and whether there was a loss of revenue to the tune of Rs. 8 crore in 1992-93 or 1993-94 as compared to the previous year, whether the causes for such fall of revenue was due to tampering with the Franking machines; and

(d) if so, who tampered with the franking machines and who maintain these machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) There are 6586 Franking machines in Bombay city with private parties. The revenue earned from these Franking machines in Bombay city during the year 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is given below:

Year	Revenue earned
1991-92	Rs. 55,33,70,540
1992-93	Rs. 69,01,89,852
1993-94	Rs. 77,76,58,144

(b) Yes Sir, Licence for the use of Franking machine is granted by respective Heads of Postal Divisions specifying two Offices where the user is allowed to post franked articles.

(c) There are 3578 Franking machines in use of private parties in the area under Bombay city South Division and Bombay GOP. A shortfall in revenue of about Rs. 6.95 Crores was noticed during January 1993-December 1993 as compared to the